

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, March 18, 2013, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman John Clark

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

*(arrived after roll call/left at 6:10 p.m.)*

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Marshall.

3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Joh requested the status of the carousel property. City Manager Campbell stated a decision should be reached this week. Mr. Segelhorst pointed out there were no OSHA injuries reported for February and proposed a reward or some kind of recognition for city employees. Alderman Clark inquired on the budget shortfall and Mr. Campbell replied that staff was working to make it up. Vice-Mayor Parham asked the city manager and staff to schedule a retreat after the election so that new BMA members can discuss their roles and look at the strategy and vision for the city.

4. **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE.** Mr. Frank Brewer listed the updates that have been made since he last reported, reminding the BMA of the weather. He stated there have been no change orders and construction is working to make up the schedule. Mr. Brewer then answered questions. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt commented the ribbon cutting has been set for May 17.

(NOTE: Item VI.D.6 from the regular business meeting agenda was discussed at this time.)

5. **CIP FOLLOW UP.** City Manager Campbell provided information on this item and answered questions from the board. He discussed the general fund roll off. He also pointed out that Kingsport is under the self-imposed debt limit and that debt is paid off rapidly. There was considerable discussion on this item. It was decided that delayed projects would be discussed at another meeting. Mr. Todd East asked the BMA not to put off the school project due to time constraints and the construction schedule.

6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MARCH 19, 2013 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

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**VI.B.1 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Water and Sewer Project Fund Budgets by Reallocating from other Water and Sewer Projects** (AF: 65-2013). City Manager Campbell noted there were good bids for this project. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds provided further details on the funding structure.

**VI.B.2 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY13 General Purpose School Fund and General Project Fund Budgets** (AF: 72-2013). David Frye, Kingsport City Schools, provided information on this item and answered questions from the board.

**VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation** (AF: 62-2013) City Manager Campbell stated there wasn't as much activity as originally anticipated for this grant and staff would like to go after more funds at this time.


**VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Agreement of Alterations to Former American Legion Building – Dobyns-Bennett High School and Authorize the Mayor to Execute All Applicable Documents** (AF: 74-2013). City Manager Campbell provided information on this item, noting the competitive bidding climate with 89 bidders. David Frye gave further details on the renovation plans and answered questions.

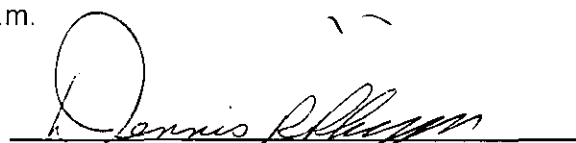
**VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Expansion of the Medicaid Program in the State of Tennessee** (AF: 78-2013). Ms. Elliott Moore from Mountain States Health Alliance gave a history of healthcare in Tennessee, noting that TennCare is one of the best programs in the country with the lowest rate of inflation. Mr. Andy Hall from Wellmont provided further details and listed the repercussions, such as loss of jobs, if unsuccessful. He stated he would appreciate the support of the BMA. Discussion ensued. Mayor Phillips pointed out this was important to the legislature and wanted their side of the story. Tim Whaley confirmed he would find out tomorrow.

**BOARD COMMENT.** Alderman Joh invited everyone to a carousel fundraiser which will be held at the Farmers Market beginning Friday night at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Ms. Barbara Brown commented the city should stand behind the hospital. City Attorney Billingsley informed the BMA the DAR [Daughter's of the American Revolution] plaque had been stolen from the Daniel Boone Trail. He stated they needed our permission to replace it and requested it be added to the consent agenda tomorrow night.

**10. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
ANGELINA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor